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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

We have reviewed the request from Skyline Mine for a permit change to remove two areas from their subsidence monitoring program. We need some additional information before we can concur with the permit change.

Section 4.17.9, Reduction of Subsidence Monitoring Program, on page 4-101 of the Mining and Reclamation Plan, describes the two areas where Skyline Mine proposes to terminate monitoring. The paragraph describing the area in Mine #3 contains the following statement: "No adverse effects related to subsidence were observed in the area after 1997." Were there adverse effects due to subsidence before 1997? There should be a brief discussion of what effects there were due to subsidence, and if so, were they mitigated. Describe the amount of subsidence, how it compares to other areas in the mine, and if there were any anomalies to the subsidence. State when subsidence occurred and whether it is substantially complete. The paragraph describing Mines #1 and #2 contains a similar statement on "adverse effects due to subsidence" and should contain the same information justifying termination of subsidence monitoring.

Please contact Dale Harber at (435) 636-3548 if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Howard Sargent

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Forest Supervisor

